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APPLICANT(S): Barron et al. CONFIRMATION NO.: 1361  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/804,498 ART UNIT: 3731  
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TITLE: *Bone Anchor Protective Cover*

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response.

Applicants believe that no fees are necessitated by the present Amendment. However, in the event that fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

**AMENDMENTS**

In the Claims

Prior to further examination of this application, please amend claims 1, 6, and 19 as follows:

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